

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING U.S. VETERAN
SERAFINA L. DE LOS SANTOS

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in honor of military veteran and retiree Ms. Serafina L. De Los Santos for her years of service to the United States and our San Antonio community. Ms. De Los Santos graciously served on my 2019 Military Service Academy Nomination Board and played an essential role in helping local students begin their military careers.

A native of Brownsville, Texas, Ms. De Los Santos enlisted in the Air Force in 1977 and served until 1982.

In 1986, she graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science and joined the Army as an Officer.

In 1996, Ms. De Los Santos earned a Master of Science in Management/Logistics Management at the Florida Institute of Technology and during that same year completed a Logistics Executive Development Course in Fort Lee, Virginia. In 1999, she attended the Command and General Staff College in Leavenworth, Kansas.

In 2004, Ms. De Los Santos began her civil service career at the Department of the Army Civilian as the Senior Logistics Officer for the 470th Military Intelligence Brigade in Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Four years later, in 2008, Ms. De Los Santos served as the Plans Officer and then as the Executive Officer for Fort Sam Houston Army Garrison, working on the Joint Base San Antonio transformation and implementation.

In October 2010, Ms. De Los Santos became a Department of the Air Force Civilian as part of the Joint Base-San Antonio transformation. She served as Deputy for Installation Support of the 502nd Mission Support Group, Joint Base-San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston.

Ms. De Los Santos currently serves as the Executive Director for the 502nd Force Support Group (FSG) at Joint Base San Antonio. FSG includes JBSA-Randolph, JBSA-Lackland, JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, and JBSA-Camp Bullis.

Ms. De Los Santos oversees JBSA's Community Partnership for Transitioning Service Members, Military Spouses and Family Programs. She also works as the Chair of the Workforce and Transition Alliance.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Serafina De Los Santos for her past and present contributions to our Nation and community. Her experience and commitment to civil service have helped usher in the next generation of military leaders. May we look to her leadership as the quintessence of true patriotism. I wish her continued success.

AWARDING STAFF SERGEANT
JOHNNY KIRK A CONGRESSIONAL
VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Staff Sergeant Johnny Kirk with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Air Force exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Staff Sergeant Kirk is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Staff Sergeant Kirk served in the Vietnam War as a weapons specialist where he loaded ammunition and rockets onto OV-10s. He also performed as a spotter in the OV-10s, directing artillery fire and close air support needs. He served a total of fifteen months in Vietnam including twelve months with no leave.

Staff Sergeant Kirk's tour of duty was unexpectedly extended an extra three months. Yet, he maintained his quality of service as a patriot without complaint. To express the sacrifice made, Staff Sergeant Kirk's tour in Vietnam caused him to be classified as a disabled veteran due to Agent Orange exposure.

After discharge, Staff Sergeant Kirk became a CPS investigator and served many years as a CPS Investigative Supervisor. His work in training other investigators has affected every law enforcement agency in Grayson County. In addition, he has taught Texas Family Code and investigation classes at the Grayson County Police Academy.

After retiring from the CPS Investigative Agency after 26 years, Staff Sergeant Kirk has become an ordained Baptist Minister and continues to teach Sexual Assault Prevention classes to the public.

I am beyond honored to have Staff Sergeant Kirk in Texas' 4th Congressional District and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF
NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Neighborhood Ministries, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year.

Founded in 1982 by Kit Danley, who remains President of the organization today, Neighborhood Ministries has continuously aided the Phoenix community from the day it opened. The organization has found success in broadening its reach through four crucial programs. Those programs are Neighbors at

Work, Neighborhood Family Services, Neighborhood Spiritual Development, and Education for Life. These programs focus on at-risk youth and young adults in obtaining employment, providing families with the basic needs of life, creating opportunities for people to explore their faith and spirituality, and education assistance in pursuit of providing an educational and mentoring support system.

Neighborhood Ministries through their core values of Incarnational Love, Leadership Development, Work of Justice, Community, and many others has been able to effect "whole generations of families [that] have forever been changed by being shown a way out of the cycle of poverty that grips most urban communities," in its 40 years of existence.

I would like to again congratulate Neighborhood Ministries on 40 years of faith and service.

CELEBRATING CECILIA "MAMA
CHILA" DELGADO

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the exemplary life of Cecilia "Mama Chila" Delgado, who celebrated her 100th birthday on November 16, 2022. Born in the small town of Cuernavaca, Guanajuato, Mexico, Cecilia Delgado has lived 100 years with honor, integrity, respect and grace, while still residing in her own home in Anaheim, California.

The oldest of seven siblings, her parents, Pedro and Josefa Delgado, an immigrant farmer-working couple who were seeking a better life for their family, brought Cecilia to the United States when she was age 2 months. As a young girl, she entered public school and finished at Orange High School. Cecilia embraced her education by doing well in school, playing sports, and learning how to play the violin, guitar and mandolin. She still loves and continues to play her mandolin.

During the Great Depression, her family returned to Mexico to live. As an 18-year-old teen, Cecilia found a new life in a new country. She married Pablo Bravo and had five children. Unfortunately, her husband perished in a tragic work-related accident that left her as a 32-year-old widow.

With five young children, ranging in age from 1- to 10-years-old, Cecilia made a difficult decision to return to Orange County, California, where she had grown up and where she knew she could find employment to provide for her family. Being bilingual and biliterate, and extremely hard working, she immediately landed a job as a stitcher at Van's, a tennis shoe factory in Anaheim. She supplemented her income cleaning houses. By working two jobs, she provided her children economic stability, coupled with love and comfort, for the duration of their lives.

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Mama Chila's success at achieving the American Dream has created a legacy for her 5 children, 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Her greatest joy is her family, and she beams with pride and joy as she sees them living accomplished, productive lives, with nearly every child within the third generation graduating college or on their way to receiving bachelor's and master's degrees.

A caring, polite, smart, well-dressed, and classy lady, Mama Chila continually says that she may not remember what she had for dinner, but that "nothing hurts," for which she is grateful.

This centurion woman is remarkable, and her family hopes she will live to be a 103-years-old like her padre, for whom she cared for, as well as her mother, until their eternal rest.

Madam Speaker, it is my great privilege to honor this humble, hard-working woman. It is women and madres like Cecilia "Mama Chila" Delgado who help make our country great by serving as role models to their children and community. She and her multi-generational family are a shining example of how immigrants seeking the American Dream have made our nation stronger.

AWARDING SEAMAN JAMES "JESSE" MURPHEY A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Seaman James Murphey with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Navy exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Seaman Murphey is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Seaman Murphey is a true American patriot who served during the Korean war. He was aboard the USS *Seminole* which transported many prisoners of war. The ship was considered an attack cargo ship and the *Seminole* won herself the distinction for being one of the busiest cargo handling vessels throughout WWII and the Korean war.

Seaman Murphey stepped up to the challenge when his country needed him the most. With no complaint, Seaman Murphey entered the Korean war with patriotism and grit. As a Storekeeper, his various responsibilities revolved around maintaining the ship.

Seaman Murphey is a man who has lived a life full of perseverance and the mindset of never backing down from hardships. But maybe most important of all, Seaman Murphey is a true family man, sometimes working two or three jobs at once to support his wife and four children.

I am beyond honored to have Seaman Murphey in Texas' 4th Congressional District and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

HONORING THE 160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEER INSTITUTE

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to commemorate the 160th anniversary of the Beer Institute, one of our nation's oldest trade associations, which represents the \$331 billion beer industry—an industry that employs more than two million Americans. Founded on November 12, 1862, the Beer Institute has advocated on behalf of the beer industry for nearly two-thirds of our nation's history. As a Beer Institute 2022 Beer Champion myself, I am proud of my long and accomplished relationship with the Institute and have genuinely enjoyed the many years of advocating with the Institute for such a vital and growing industry.

160 years ago—amid the Civil War—representatives from 37 breweries met in New York City to address a new federal excise tax on beer to fund the war effort. With a primary focus on fair taxation, they formed the United States Brewers Association (USBA). In 1920, when the federal government instituted Prohibition, the USBA worked with brewers to adapt to and survive these changing political realities. Thankfully, in 1933, Prohibition was repealed under the leadership of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Following the close of the Second World War, the beer industry wanted to demonstrate that beer has a place in everyday life. The USBA launched an iconic advertising campaign, "Beer Belongs," which depicted men and women enjoying beer as an integral part of the American way of life. The middle of the 20th century also saw the advent of light beer and aluminum cans, which changed the face of the industry we know today.

The USBA officially reorganized into the Beer Institute in 1986, opening membership to beer importers and industry suppliers. With a new name and infrastructure, the Beer Institute was ready to take on the challenges of the 21st century.

Today, the Beer Institute continues to advocate for sound public policy and fair tax and regulatory frameworks for brewers and beer importers. True to its roots, the Beer Institute was pivotal in the passage of the Craft Beverage Modernization and Tax Reform Act, a bill which I cosponsored and strongly supported. This legislation provided a historic excise tax reduction for brewers and importers of all sizes, reaffirmed that not all alcohol beverages are the same and allowed them to reinvest in their businesses and their people. The Beer Institute also takes a leadership role in promoting responsible alcohol advertising and marketing, as well as the moderate consumption of alcohol, including an increasing number of low- and no-alcohol beers.

I am proud of the beer industry's massive economic and cultural impact on our nation. As a man who enjoys a cold American-made beer, specifically Busch Light, I am forever grateful for the Beer Institute's long and storied history of supporting one of our nation's most cherished industries. I offer them the best for the next 160 years. Cheers.

TRIBUTE TO LARRY HASSETT ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Hassett as he retires from his position as a Director of the Board of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen). Larry represents Ward Six which is comprised of the communities of Atherton, La Honda, Ladera, Loma Mar, Menlo Park, North Fair Oaks, Pescadero, Portola Valley, Redwood City, West Menlo Park and Woodside.

Larry Hassett was first appointed to the Midpen Board in 2000. Since that time he has served with great distinction furthering Midpen's goal of helping people, plants and animals thrive by preserving a connected greenbelt of more than 65,000 acres in the greater Santa Cruz Mountains region.

Larry was born in Minnesota, grew up in San Carlos, California, and has lived in the South Skyline Area since 1977. He is a 1973 graduate of San Jose State University where he earned a B.A. degree in Environmental Studies.

Known and beloved in our community, Larry Hassett is the former owner of several hardware stores. Upon his retirement in 2012, he transferred ownership to his two sons.

Larry has given generously of his time and considerable talents to his community, serving as a Director of Achieve, the Palo Alto Recreation Foundation, the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce, the Museum of American Heritage, Leadership Mid-Peninsula, the Peninsula Conservation Center, Rotary and Kiwanis.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in thanking Larry Hassett for his extraordinary service as a Member of the Board of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. He is truly a national treasure and a cherished constituent.

AWARDING LIEUTENANT COLONEL DUDLEY NOSWORTHY A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Lieutenant Colonel Dudley Nosworthy with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Army and United States Army National Guard exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy served in Infantry Leadership Assignments as a Platoon Leader, Company Executive Officer, Company Commander, and Battalion Executive. His responsibilities included training soldiers in Civil

Defense Operations for State National Disasters, Deployment for Homeland Defense Missions, and Overseas Contingency Operations. Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy was vital for preparing and training soldiers to protect our Nation at the State and national levels.

As a Battalion Commander and Regimental Deputy Commander for the 136th Regional Training Institute, Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy assisted the Texas Army National Guard by training soldiers in professional development and military occupational skills. Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy also dedicated time and effort towards bettering the State of Louisiana through the Louisiana Army National Guard.

While serving in the Army, Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy was deployed to Baghlan Province, Afghanistan as a Combat Advisor and Team Chief for a police mentoring team. He served as the Senior U.S. Army Advisor for the province and assisted in training the Afghan National Police in Security Force operations.

Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy has served his community as a Sergeant with the Dallas Police Department. He also donated his time as an Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 83 out of Rockwall, Texas. As an accomplished Eagle Scout, he continues to promote the ideals of hard work and service to future generations.

I am beyond honored to have Lieutenant Colonel Nosworthy in Texas' 4th Congressional District and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

HONORING DOROTHY WALLACE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Dorothy Wallace for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022. Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Dorothy Wallace's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Dorothy Wallace for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

HONORING SAN ANTONIO NATIVE DR. ERIKA GONZALEZ

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in honor of San Antonio native,

Dr. Erika Gonzalez for her military service to our country and her impact on South Texas. Dr. Gonzalez graciously served on my 2020 Military Service Academy Nomination Board and played an essential role in helping local students begin their military careers.

After graduating magna cum laude from St. Mary's University, Dr. Gonzalez obtained her medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. She returned home after completing 10 years of Active Duty Service as a Medical Officer in the U.S. Air Force.

Dr. Gonzalez is currently the CEO and President of both South Texas Allergy & Asthma Medical Professionals (STAAMP) and STAAMP Clinical Research. She previously served as the Chief of the Allergy, Immunology & Rheumatology division at the Children's Hospital of San Antonio. She was also an Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine.

As an active community leader, Dr. Gonzalez has served on the Board of Directors and as the 2020 and 2021 Immediate Past Chairwoman for the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors for Central Catholic High School.

Dr. Gonzalez is an Advisor to the Dean of Science Engineering & Technology at St. Mary's University. At the State and national level, she is on the Stock Epinephrine Committee with the Texas Department of State Health Services and is Co-Chair of Small Business for America's Future.

Dr. Gonzalez founded the nonprofit, Con Corazon SA to address inequities and emergency preparedness in San Antonio and the surrounding area.

Dr. Gonzalez was selected as a 2019 Presidential Leadership Scholar and was appointed by President Joe Biden to serve on the National Medal of Science Committee.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize a member of the San Antonio community who continues to display an immense commitment to public service and whose knowledge and experience have helped usher in the next generation of military leaders. I am grateful for Dr. Gonzalez's service to the United States, and I wish her continued success.

AWARDING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER RALPH O'DELL A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Chief Warrant Officer Ralph O'Dell with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Army exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell served overseas during WWII in the Pacific Theater. He had the ambition of fighting for freedom and democracy across the world. Specifically, Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell's skill set was on

display in New Guinea, the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, and the Liberation of the Philippines.

Throughout Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell's 42 years of service in the Army, he served as an Azimuth Tracker where he fired anti-aircraft artillery 40-millimeter guns. In addition to his time on the battlefield, he was a clerk-typist as an instructor in Finance and Personnel.

Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell attended the 4150th U.S. Army Reserve School in Dallas. His expertise was valued by Reserve Units out of Dallas, Waco, and Lubbock.

Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell's time after his military service involves his continued passion to better his community. Organizations such as: Rotary International, Silver-Haired Legislature, Reserve Officers Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Legion have all benefited from Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell's knowledge, experience, and dedication.

I am beyond honored to have Chief Warrant Officer O'Dell in Texas' 4th Congressional District and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

INDIANA INTRODUCTION OF THE FOOD DESERTS ACT

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, today I am reintroducing the Food Deserts Act of 2022 to help fight hunger and food insecurity in communities across the country.

I'd like to share just one example. In June of 2017, Marsh Supermarkets grocery stores announced the closure of many stores throughout the Midwest. Many of these stores were in my district where many families lack a car or reliable public transportation to get to the nearest grocery alternative, often located over a mile away. Today, thousands of my constituents are still struggling to find the food they need, with many forced to rely on fast-food restaurants and convenience stores.

These options are neither healthy nor affordable.

Sadly, this situation is not unique. Over 29 million people, almost 10 percent of the U.S. population, live without ready access to affordable, nutritious food and over 2 million people have no transportation to get to their nearest store. Many have seen their local stores close during the pandemic. Others lost access years ago and are now facing the serious long-term impacts of obesity, diabetes, malnutrition, and other diet-related ailments.

Unfortunately, residents in these low-income areas tend to spend less on groceries, leaving little financial incentive for traditional grocery chains to make costly investments for new locations.

In the wealthiest country on Earth, nutritious food should be an expectation, not a luxury. That is why I am reintroducing the Food Deserts Act, which creates new avenues to fund stores in underserved communities. This bill will create USDA-funded, State-operated revolving funds that will issue low-interest loans for the operation of grocery stores in food deserts. The bill ensures that recipients of these loans, including for-profit, non-profit

and municipal entities, can provide affordable, healthy food, including fresh produce and staples like milk, bread, and meat. It will also ensure that USDA professionals are available to provide technical assistance to recipients who need it.

Access to healthy food is something that most of us take for granted. But despite our own experiences, we need to remember that millions of our constituents are struggling every day to feed their families. With this market-driven approach, I hope to complement existing Federal programs and efforts around the country by ensuring a stable lending stream for struggling grocery stores and sustainable access to food for communities in need.

Madam Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in supporting this important bill.

HONORING JUI CHITRE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Jui Chitre, my intern who has worked tirelessly serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Jui has proven to be a talented and efficient young woman, always ready to learn something new.

Jui has assisted my office in multiple areas, including communications, appropriations, and constituent engagement. She is an achiever and has shown professionalism in every aspect of her work.

Daughter of Abhay and Sucharita Chitre, Jui is from Virginia. She is a graduate of Virginia Tech, where she earned her bachelor's degree in International Relations with two minors in History and German. At Virginia Tech, she was a member and group leader of Teach for Jamie and the International Relations Organization. During her time in these organizations, she taught German to elementary students and fostered her research abilities.

After her internship in my office, Jui plans to continue working on Capitol Hill, where she intends to use her diverse skills to find solutions to domestic and foreign conflicts.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Jui for her present and inevitable success.

HONORING STEVE MANOR, BELOVED EDUCATOR AND PUBLIC SERVANT

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. SLOTKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a local legend, Mr. Steve Manor of Howell, Michigan. For more than 50 years, Steve has served the community as an educator, a city councilmember, an advocate, and a visionary. Universally beloved, Manor is the rare figure who bridges all divides: political, social, and generational. As he comes to the end of his earthly journey, his faithful dedication to Howell has ensured that his imprint

will forever rest on the city. It is, likewise, my privilege to ensure that the life of this history teacher is permanently enshrined in the history of this Nation.

More than five decades of history have passed since a young Steve Manor first walked through the doors of Howell's Michigan Avenue School in 1966. He later taught at Highlander Way Middle School and then Howell High School, retiring in 1998 after 32 years in the classroom.

From public education he turned to public service, to winning a seat on Howell City Council in 1999. Over the next 23 years he served in a variety of roles, including mayor pro tem, chair of the Howell Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and as Howell's delegate to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Through it all, he conducted himself exactly how a non-partisan elected official should: always looking beyond politics to the city's best interests.

Manor advocated for much-needed investments in infrastructure, worked with developers to make the city more business-friendly, helped revitalize an old alleyway into a picturesque shopping district, and worked with a local company to turn an unused patch of land into a whimsical children's playscape. And somehow he found time to volunteer with dozens of local organizations and causes, including Howell Rotary, Howell Main Street, and the Countryside Veterinary Dog Park.

But as much as he loved the city, Steve was the first to recognize its flaws, and also the first to roll up his sleeves to make improvements. Manor helped start the Howell High School Diversity Club in 1987 in response to a cross burning in the city, and served on the Livingston County Diversity Council for many years; he was deeply committed to helping the city work to rid itself from intolerance and bigotry.

Steve has bravely battled cancer for the past five years, and a servant to the very end, still attended City Council meetings even after requiring home hospice care. He recently stepped down from his beloved council seat, leaving a void no election or appointment can ever fill.

Manor once said that Howell is a special place, because unlike some surrounding communities, it has "a core." That core—a vibrant downtown, healthy neighborhoods, a thriving community—didn't just happen, it happened because Steve Manor worked to make it so. I submit that Steve Manor IS the core of Howell: a rock solid core of selfless service, cultivating seeds of integrity, and bearing fruit for generations to come.

I therefore enter his life of principled leadership into the official record of the United States House of Representatives. It's an example we would all do well to study and commit to memory: the enduring final lesson plan of Steve Manor, beloved teacher.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE DAN FLYNN

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and service of Daniel

Archie Flynn of Van, Texas. Mr. Flynn is survived by his wife Susan, his son Josh, his daughters Tammy and Missy, along with many more grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mr. Flynn's lengthy public service career began as a soldier in the 36th Infantry Division of the Texas Army National Guard during the Vietnam War. In 2005, he joined the Texas State Guard and eventually obtained the rank of Brigadier General, where he later retired.

As a State Representative, first elected in 2002, Mr. Flynn served for nine consecutive terms until 2020. During his tenure, he built an impressive portfolio of legislative achievements, including expanding transparency in State government, strengthening border security, and modernizing the Texas Military Forces. Moreover, Representative Flynn helped secure funding for a new music hall and planetarium at the Texas A&M University at Commerce and procured the property for the Van Zandt County Veterans Memorial site in Canton, Texas. Representative Flynn's work as the Deputy Banking Commissioner of Texas reformed banking code statewide and established him as a leader in the banking industry.

A lifelong worshipper of the Church of the Nazarene, Representative Flynn was instrumental in the construction of several new churches. He served on the Dallas District Advisory Board for over 20 years and was also an active member of the Van Kiwanis and Canton Lion's Club. Likewise, Representative Flynn founded the Van Zandt County Council of Communities.

I have requested the United States flag be flown over our Nation's Capitol to recognize Representative Dan Flynn's extensive contributions to District 2 and the great people of Texas. Representative Flynn will be dearly missed by his friends, family, and colleagues.

HONORING EDWIDGE LABBE

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the service of Edwidge Labbe, my intern who has completed her Summer 2022 semester serving the people of Florida's 24th Congressional District. Edwidge has proven to be a very articulate young woman and shows great promise for her future endeavors.

Edwidge has assisted my office in various areas, such as education policy, constituent outreach, and research. She has demonstrated her ability to adapt and ask questions. Edwidge has presented excellent drive and a continuous willingness to learn.

The daughter of Jeanphillipe and Martine Labbe, Edwidge was raised in Delray, Florida. A proud Gator, she is enrolled in the University of Florida where she studies at the College of Liberal Arts. She also volunteers at Lake Forest Elementary in hopes of closing the opportunity gap amongst Black and brown children.

Upon transitioning from her internship, Edwidge will return to school to complete her final semester. She will continue to nurture her knowledge and use her experience and developing expertise to bridge the gap between experiential learning and professional development.

On behalf of Florida's 24th Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Edwidge Labbe for her present and future accomplishments.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF
NATIVE AMERICAN CONNECTIONS

HON. RUBEN GALLEGO

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Native American Connections, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Founded in 1972, what once was a small grassroots organization that focused on Native American men and substance abuse has blossomed into an operation of 21 sites throughout Phoenix. What once was just a focus on substance abuse, Native American Connections expanded its reach to affordable housing, health, homelessness, Native American healing and many other projects that affect over 10,000 individuals and families each year. Native American Connections especially takes pride in their community development resources and projects that strengthen the Native American Community and helps celebrate the rich cultural history that is so essential to America today.

Through the organization's core values of empowerment, integrity, stewardship, spirituality, and others, Native American Connections has been able to positively affect the lives of countless people and families for 50 years. Their mission of "Improving the lives of individuals and families through Native American culturally appropriate health, affordable housing, and community development services," has not only been accomplished but continues to do so.

I would like to again congratulate Native American Connections on a remarkable 50 years and look forward to seeing how you change the world next.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED WAY OF
TARRANT COUNTY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the United Way of Tarrant County as it celebrates its 100th anniversary. In 1922, the Fort Worth Community Chest was created when a group of local leaders came together to merge the fundraising efforts from a variety of different charity organizations. These community leaders recognized that working together, united-as-one, was a superior strategy as opposed to competing against each other for charitable resources. This early non-profit organization was the forerunner of today's United Way of Tarrant County.

From its inception, the new organization focused on key initiatives to not only identify problems faced by Tarrant County residents, but to also address the reasons the problems exist in the first place. They have forged cru-

cial partnerships with key community stakeholders. Engaging local governments, fellow non-profits, corporations, and small businesses to collectively combat county-wide challenges pertaining to education, financial stability, and community health. Continuing its growth and assistance to communities, the organization hit a major milestone in 1973, when it became officially known as the "United Way of Metropolitan Tarrant County".

The United Way of Tarrant County continues to empower residents, donors, volunteers, businesses, and other groups who provide crucial support to enable the organization to fulfill its mission to improve the overall quality of life for those in need. Through building trust and relationships with the community, the United Way has always encouraged residents to unite together in order to further worthwhile change and build stronger communities.

I would like to express my admiration and well wishes as this worthwhile humanitarian organization celebrates its centennial. The United Way of Tarrant County is holding its celebratory "Get United Day" event on Thursday, November 17, 2022, at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas in honor of the 100th anniversary of its founding. The United Way has had a tremendously positive impact on the well-being of Tarrant County's citizens and will undoubtedly do so for decades to come.

AWARDING 1ST CLASS PETTY OFFICER JOHN EDWARD PAGE A
CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored to present 1st Class Petty Officer John Edward Page, U.S. Navy with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the Navy exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. This is a very humble gentleman who is committed to being good to others and honoring his sacred Nation.

During his 10 years of military service in the Navy, 1st Class Petty Officer Page served by operating sonar radar missiles on Naval ships that have contributed to victories on the battlefield and had received many service accommodation awards while in Vietnam. After proudly serving the Navy and defending our Nation, 1st Class Petty Officer Page has been incredibly active in his community and has participated in prominent positions since his exit. This includes his time given to not just work at Texas Instruments in Sherman, Texas, but to come out of retirement to help set up divisions of the company all over the world.

His passion for his community also shines as he will operate on, and repair vehicles for people free of charge, or help those in need through his small property rental business. First Class Petty Officer Page has been more than helpful, he has been life changing for a lot of people in his community and throughout his service.

I am beyond honored to have 1st Class Petty Officer Page in Texas' 4th Congressional District and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

HONORING U.S. AIR FORCE LIEUTENANT COLONEL OLGA E. CUSTODIO

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in honor of Lieutenant Colonel Olga E. Custodio for her service to our country and the San Antonio community. Lt. Col. Custodio graciously served on my 2018 Military Service Academy Nomination Board and played an essential role in helping local students begin their military careers.

Lt. Col. Custodio knew the path to her dream would not be easy. While studying at the University of Puerto Rico, she was denied the opportunity to participate in the university's Reserve Officer Training Corps program because women were not allowed at that time.

Never giving up hope, she went on to fulfill her dream of becoming a commissioned military officer—and more.

As the first Latina to complete U.S. Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training, she graduated in the top five percent of her class (of 48) with a fighter qualification to fly the T-38 as an instructor pilot. Lt. Col. Custodio points to three principles that have helped her become successful in a profession dominated by men: overcoming self-doubt, staying open to possibilities, and seeing herself as an equal.

A female military aviation pioneer, she served for 24 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. She received an Aviation Safety Award for superior airmanship for her handling of an engine failure in-flight emergency.

After transitioning to the U.S. Air Force Reserve, Lt. Col. Custodio became the first Latina commercial airline pilot for American Airlines and was later upgraded to captain. In addition to the T-38T, she flew the T-41, B-727, F-100, B-757, and B-767. She owns a Cessna T210L and has also flown several general aviation aircraft including the Stearman biplane, Cessna-172, Beechcraft-35 V-tail, Cirrus Vision Jet, and a few others.

Today, Lt. Col. Custodio is retired with over 11,000 flight hours to her name. Now a speaker and community leader, she serves on the board of several nonprofit organizations, including the Latino Pilots Association, Order of Daedalians, Dee Howard Foundation, and Women in Aviation Alamo City, which advocate for inspiring and empowering students, especially those from underserved communities, to pursue careers in aviation and aerospace.

Since 2018, Lt. Col. Custodio has supported the Experimental Aviation Association (EAA) and has moderated several all-female aviation panels during AirVenture at Oshkosh, WI. As a STEM advocate, she also volunteers her time as a speaker and role model at local schools, universities, corporations, and military base groups, encouraging young women and men to reach for their dreams.

Lt. Col. Custodio is a mentor with the Women in Aviation International, Aviation Explorers, and the School of Aeronautics of the InterAmerican University in Puerto Rico. In 2017, she was inducted into the San Antonio Aviation and Aerospace Hall of Fame.

Lt. Col. Custodio recently co-authored the "Latinas in Aviation" anthology and is included

as one of the 30 inspiring Latinas and Latinos who have shaped the United States in “Nuestra América,” published by the Smithsonian Institution. She is the honoree of the 35th Hispanic Heritage Foundation—2022 STEM Award.

By pioneering many firsts during her career, Lt. Col. Custodio has shattered stereotypes and served as a powerful role model for those aspiring to become a pilot. As a pioneer who overcame tremendous challenges to excel in a male-dominated profession, she gained essential life insights and perspectives that she shares with everyone, especially women working to achieve their dreams.

Lt. Col. Custodio lives in San Antonio, Texas, with her husband of 48 years, Edwin, and they have two children, Marcia and Edwin II, and one grandson, Jedi.

Madam Speaker—I am proud to recognize a member of the San Antonio community who is a shining example of our country's strength in diversity. Lt. Col. Custodio is an inspiration to the Latino community and continues to display an immense commitment to public service. I'm grateful that her knowledge and experience have helped usher in the next generation of military leaders. I wish her and her family the best.

HONORING MICHAEL “MIKABEN”
BENJAMIN

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, as a congressional representative of the Haitian community in South Florida, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Haitian music icon Michael “Mikaben” Benjamin.

Born in 1981 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti to legendary Haitian singer Lionel and famed doctor Roseline Benjamin, Michael was just 16 years old when he was introduced to the Haitian music scene with his performance of “Nwèl Tristès” alongside his sister Melodie Benjamin. He released his first album Vwayaj that following year, which featured one of his most popular hits, “Ou Pati.” The success of “Ou Pati” would pave his musical journey as a singer, composer, and producer. He would go on to release more hits such as “Ayiti Se,” “Ti Pam Nan,” “Fe Lapli,” and “Marry Me.” He would also sing and produced hits such as “Fanm Sa Move” and “Baby I Missed You” for Carimi and hits for other global music acts including Kai, Enposib, Harmonik, Kreyol La, T-Vice, Karizma, Alan Cave, Ruthshelle Guillaume, Leila Chicot, J-Perry, and Lionel Benjamin, his father. Mikaben's music transcended genres and cultures. Along with his musical accomplishments, Mikaben will be remembered for being a loving son, husband, father, patriot, mentor, and philanthropist.

He empowered many Haitian children through his Ti Souf Foundation. The image of him draped in the Haitian flag while performing with Carimi, moments before his passing, is indelibly etched in the minds and hearts of millions of Haitians and others around the world.

On October 15, 2022, Mikaben suddenly collapsed while walking off stage after performing his hit song “Ou Pati.” He was later pronounced dead despite medical intervention.

He was performing in front of a sold-out audience at a reunion concert for Carimi, a famed Haitian band, that was held at Eastern Paris? Accor Arena. Mikaben is survived by his pregnant wife Vanessa Fanfan, his two children, and his parents, Lionel and Roseline Benjamin. He is also survived by his two siblings and countless fans from around the world.

Understandably, the Haitian community has been devastated by the sudden passing of Mikaben. The community has galvanized to honor him and support his family. Madam Speaker and everyone in this nation, please join me in honoring the life and legacy of legendary musician Michael “Mikaben” Benjamin.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE
FRANCES MUNOZ

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Frances Munoz, our nation's first Latina judge. Judge Frances Munoz died on October 17, 2022, of natural causes. She was 92 years old.

Judge Frances Munoz has the distinction of being the first Latina female appointed or elected to the bench in California and the first Latina female appointed or elected as a trial court jurist in the United States. She served for 23 years in the Orange County Municipal and Superior Courts and an additional 15 years as an Assigned Judge.

From humble beginnings, Frances was born at the height of the depression on September 18, 1930, the fifth of eleven children, in the mining town of Miami, Arizona. The family moved to Puritan, Colorado, and her father continued to work in the coal mines until the mines “played out.”

In 1941, the family moved to Corona, California, and joined the thousands of others working in farm labor. Frances and her siblings joined their parents in the fields during the summers picking tomatoes, grapes, and other crops in the Fresno area, sometimes sleeping outdoors.

Judge Munoz inspired her younger siblings to study and pursue higher education. After high school, she went to work selling furniture and she paid for the college expenses of her siblings.

Undaunted, Judge Munoz pursued her own education by attending night classes at Los Angeles City College, UCLA and law school while managing Atlas Furniture stores during the day. In 1972, Judge Munoz received her law degree from Southwestern University School of Law where she was a member of the Law Review.

She moved to Orange County, where her brother Greg, a graduate from USC law school, had opened a practice. (Greg later became an Orange County Superior Court judge and served alongside Frances on the bench.)

In 1972, Frances joined the office of the Orange County Public Defender, where she was the first Latina and the second woman to be hired in that office.

In 1974, she and several Latino attorneys established the Orange County Mexican-American Lawyers Club, which was later renamed the Hispanic Bar Association of Or-

ange County. One of their goals was to ensure that more Latinos, who were qualified and experienced, be appointed or elected to the bench. As a result of the efforts, today there are 19 Latino judges out of 124 Superior Court Judges on the Orange County bench and two Latino justices out of eight Appellate Court justices in Orange County.

On January 25, 1978, Governor Jerry Brown's office telephoned Frances Munoz to advise her that she had been appointed as a Judge in the Harbor Municipal Court in Orange County. She was not at her desk. She was in court representing a defendant in a felony jury trial.

As a Deputy Public Defender, she was known as a zealous advocate. But she was also noted for being civil with opposing counsel and respectful of the court. She was also acknowledged for creating and meticulously cataloging 3x5 cards in a small box. On each card she wrote out the facts and holding of the appellate court in key cases involving “furtive gestures,” “search of trunk,” and other criminal law issues. She would quickly retrieve a key citation during a motion or trial.

Within months of her appointment, she was opposed by a male Deputy District Attorney. Several Harbor Municipal Court judges, and multitudes of Orange County attorneys, court staff, bailiffs, police officers, and clergy rallied around her to host fundraisers and to support her in the retention election. Her ten brothers and sisters and their children and parishioners from her church, St. Joachim Catholic Church in Costa Mesa, canvassed neighborhoods to get out the vote. In that 1980 election, Judge Frances Munoz was retained with the largest plurality of votes of any challenged judge in the state. Four other judges in Orange County lost their seats that year. She was never challenged again.

In 1980 and 1990 she was elected the Supervising Judge of the Harbor Municipal Court and in 1990 was also recognized as the Outstanding Judge of the Year by the Orange County Women Lawyers Association. In 1976, she co-founded the Orange County Hispanic Education Endowment Fund which awards college scholarships to Latino scholars.

In 2001, Judge Munoz retired from the bench, but continued her public service as an assigned judge until 2016. She also served on the board of directors of THINK—Teaching, Helping, Instructing Kids and boards of other non-profit organizations.

Every Thursday she would tutor students at Santa Ana's Madison Elementary school. She was also a keen real estate investor who purchased several commercial and residential properties. She always accommodated nieces and nephews in her spacious Corona Del Mar home while they studied and earned their bachelors, masters or medical degrees at the University of California, Irvine.

Judge Munoz is survived by four sisters, Margaret Munoz, Vera Munoz-Harrison, Rosie Schirling, and Angie Quintana and 25 nieces and nephews and 45 great nieces and nephews.

Please join me in celebrating the long, accomplished life of Judge Frances Munoz. She will be remembered for her perseverance in the face of adversity, excellence as a law student, attorney and judge, for her lifetime dedication to public service and children's education, and for her compassionate and gracious spirit.

REMEMBERING MARGARET L.
JACUBEC PAVLOV

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Margaret L. Jacubec Pavlov, who passed October 26, 2022. She was 85 years old.

Margaret, affectionately known as "Peggy" and "Bam," was born on September 28, 1937, in East Palestine, Ohio, a daughter of the late Charles and Elizabeth Gibb Gough, Jr. At the age of seven, she moved to Struthers and lived with her grandparents. Charles and Mary Gough, Sr., while her father was in World War II. Peggy was a graduate of Struthers High School and attended Kent State University for Journalism.

She married young and had four children, Elizabeth, Jill, Jon and Matthew. After her youngest child started school, she and her best friend, Margy Becker, opened a successful Struthers business, Phelan's Paint and Paper. Her humor and laughter were a part of the success of that business. She continued her career with other endeavors, becoming a real estate agent and interior decorating. Her final job was as the Office Manager for Total Care Psychological Services, where she made many lifelong friends. In 2020, she retired at the age of 83.

Among her many talents, her Christmas trees were decorated, displaying her artistic ability. She loved a good competition. If it be growing zucchinis or the Word Jumble on Sunday morning if you were up for it. She frequented New York City, going every year from the age of 18 to 82. When it came to music and movies, you could always find Sinatra or Elvis playing on her radio and good ole westerns playing on the TV starring John Wayne.

Peggy supported her four grandsons in their basketball and football high school and college years and softball for her only granddaughter, Jaelyn. She had an open-door policy for her homes for anyone to visit, stay and eat. Her last two homes were chosen because the swimming pools would be a place for friends and family to gather.

While attending a Struthers Wildcat Reunion, she reconnected, after 40 years, with her high school sweetheart, John Pavlov. They married and continued a loving relationship until John's passing in 2021. Whatever life threw her way, Peggy conquered with grace and a smile.

She was blessed with lifelong and loyal friends, Bernie Pavlansky, who comforted her every day with back rubs and stories shared of their escapades; Joanne Howard and her delicious food; Catherine and Ken Baker and their fun trips to Geneva on Halloween and New York City; Marion Creed and their weekly lunch; Mabel Creed who was an influential person in her life; Dan Becker and Dottie for being loyal and loving friends whom she loved dearly and all of her wonderful neighbors on Hamilton Blvd.

She leaves behind her four children, Elizabeth, Jill, Jon and his wife, Nancy, whom Peggy considered a daughter and Matthew; her loving siblings, Walt Gough and Phoebe Horvath; grandchildren, Nicholas, Nathan, Jacob, Jaret and Jaelyn; her friend and cousin,

Ted Gough; nieces, Amy Cuffle and Jenni Chichka and her best buddy and four-legged companion, Wilson. In addition to her parents, Peggy was preceded in death by the father of her children, Richard "Jooks" Jacubec and father and mother-in-law, Emil and Nellie Jacubec.

HONORING IRL PORTER

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Iral Porter for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022. Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Iral Porter's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Iral Porter for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

TRIBUTE TO KATIE FRALEY

HON. RODNEY DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend Katie Fraley. She influenced countless students over four decades in the classroom and was an enthusiastic force in the civic life of the Taylorville community.

Katie worked to earn a master's degree in education from the University of Illinois by attending night school in Springfield and summer school in Champaign, while teaching school in Taylorville and raising her young daughter.

For nearly 40 years, she taught fourth grade at North Elementary School, where she arrived every day flamboyantly dressed and raring to go. She cared deeply about her students and took great pride in their accomplishments in the classroom and in all stages of their lives. She was known for directing the school's Christmas musicals, holding an annual Hawaiian luau, and instructing students in the fine art of assembling scrapbooks about Abraham Lincoln.

After 41 years in the classroom, Katie "retired", leaving teaching but not education. She was elected to three four-year terms on the Taylorville School Board. Her vision was for the school district to build a fine arts center, a goal that is now in early planning and fundraising phases. She was an energetic fixture in many facets of community life and was involved with the Taylorville First United Methodist Church, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the P.E.O., an international

women's education and advocacy organization.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Vance Fraley, of Taylorville, her children Karen, Lenee, Derek, and Lena, and many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and countless former students who have said that she was an influential figure in their education and in their lives.

The Taylorville community won't be the same without Katie. Rest in Peace, my friend.

15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUILDING SKILLS PARTNERSHIP

HON. JIMMY GOMEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Building Skills Partnership (BSP) on 15 years of improving the quality of life of property service workers in low-wage industries, as well as their families and communities.

BSP is a non-profit organization founded with the vision of creating an equitable playing field for California's working families to succeed in their careers and educational endeavors. Born out of the Justice for Janitors movement that helped thousands of immigrant janitors achieve a more just way of living and working, BSP partnered with responsible businesses and employers to pilot its first workplace training, which focused on Vocational English language acquisition.

BSP programs serve 5,500 participants annually and focus on workforce development, immigrant inclusion, and community advancement. The organization offers career and education programs that enable workers' personal and professional success. Today, BSP represents a unique partnership between over 90 janitorial employers, over 60 commercial building owners, the Service Employees International Union—United Service Workers West (SEIU-USWW), and the broader community. With collaboration and a holistic approach to programming, BSP continues to strive to create an equitable future for working families to build a better life.

Thanks to BSP's dedication, BSP has expanded to seven major cities across California and broadened its programming to fully address the unique barriers immigrant janitors and their children face in realizing the benefits of social, civic, and economic integration.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and celebrating the 15th anniversary of Building Skills Partnership.

HONORING CORNELIA "CORKY" DOZIER

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Cornelia "Corky" Dozier for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Cornelia "Corky" Dozier's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Cornelia "Corky" Dozier for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

TRIBUTE TO PETE SIEMENS ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Pete Siemens as he retires from his position as a Director of the Board of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen). Pete represents Ward One which is comprised of the communities of Cupertino, Lexington Hills, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno and Saratoga.

Pete Siemens was first appointed to the Midpen Board in 1994. Since that time he has served with great distinction furthering Midpen's goal to preserve a connected greenbelt of more than 65,000 acres in the greater Santa Cruz Mountains region.

Pete Siemens was born in San Francisco and raised in the Central Valley. He earned a B.S. degree in math from Fresno State University and worked as a rocket test engineer. He is now a consultant in test-system design for medical implants.

Pete Siemens has given generously of his time and considerable talents to his community, serving as a Los Gatos Council member and as Mayor. He also served as a Los Gatos Planning Commissioner and on the Santa Clara County Transportation Commission. He volunteered in the restoration of the Grant Cabin, and he and his wife Diane volunteer at the Daniels Nature Center.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in thanking Pete Siemens for his extraordinary service as a Member of the Board of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. We are a stronger and better region because of his public service.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF RECORD-SETTING TRACK AND FIELD OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST ALLYSON FELIX

HON. KAREN BASS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor Allyson Felix, who lives in my

district, for her illustrious track and field career. Ms. Felix finished her 20-year international career by winning bronze and gold medals on U.S. relay teams at the July 15–24 World Athletics Championships in Eugene, Oregon. Ms. Felix holds the distinction of winning more medals than any United States track and field Olympian in history, male or female. She has competed and won in five straight Olympic games, medaling in Athens, Beijing, London, Rio, and Tokyo.

Ms. Felix joined the track team at LA Baptist High School in North Hills, California, mentored by Coach Jonathan Patton. During that time Ms. Felix ran the 200 meter in the Mexico City World Junior Championship, finishing with a time of 22.11 seconds, the fastest recorded time for a high school girl in history.

She won her first silver medal at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens while enrolled at the University of Southern California. She went on to graduate with a degree in elementary education.

Her "firsts" continued when, at the 2005 Helsinki World Championship, she became the youngest person to win in the 200 meters race. Two years later she defended that title at the 2007 Osaka World Championships and became just the second female athlete to win three gold medals at a single IAAF World Championship in Athletics.

She has also used her platform to speak out on disparities in pay for athletes during and after pregnancy, and disparities in care for Black people giving birth. Her 2019 New York Times op-ed on pregnancy pay discrimination prompted public outcry and a Congressional inquiry. That year, Ms. Felix also testified before the House Ways and Means Committee on Black maternal mortality after suffering life-threatening pre-eclampsia while carrying her daughter.

Ms. Felix has won a total of eleven Olympic medals: one bronze, three silver, and seven gold, including her most recent gold and bronze medals at the Tokyo Olympics. The Nation, our state of California and our city of Los Angeles can feel justifiably proud of her accomplishments both on and off the field.

HONORING WENDALL K. JONES

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Ambassador Wendall K. Jones for his contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation. Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Ambassador Wendall K. Jones' commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Ambassador Wendall K. Jones for his contributions to the community and his role in the

historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DALE JOHNSON

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to commemorate the life of Dale W. Johnson—a leader of the Makah Tribe who recently passed away.

Dale Johnson served as Chairman of the Makah Tribal Council and the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission. He led efforts to restore the Makah halibut, black cod, and whiting fisheries. Dale was also active within community sporting activities including basketball, football, and the traditional war canoe races. I was grateful for his partnership, and I was always honored to work with him on the critical issues impacting his Tribe.

I am humbled to speak in recognition of Dale. I join his family and the Makah Tribe in mourning his passing, but also in recognizing that his good work will contribute to the community for generations to come.

RECOGNIZING THE GROUND BREAKING OF CONCOURSE A AT KEY WEST INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the groundbreaking of Concourse A at Key West International Airport (EYW). As the proud representative of Florida's 26th Congressional District, I fought hard to include crucial funding for Monroe County, including the nearly \$40 million in federal grants for this airport expansion project at EYW. This new concourse will augment the airport's enplanement capacity, making it a vital project for the residents, tourists, and businesses in the Florida Keys.

Monroe County, whose Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved plans for the project in August, has big plans for Concourse A. Totaling nearly 49,000 square feet, it will contain expanded baggage areas and concession opportunities, seven new passenger boarding jet bridges, and more office spaces. New airline ramp spaces and ramp equipment storage areas will also be housed below the new concourse. Clear story windows and a curtain wall system will provide plenty of natural light for all airport users to enjoy. The airport's main terminal will also be expanded, with renovations to accommodate space for four new security lanes and added support spaces at the existing restaurant location, among other improvements. An extended pedestrian bridge, located after Concourse A's security checkpoint, will connect the new concourse with the main terminal.

Millions visit the Florida Keys every year, and Key West International Airport plays a crucial role in facilitating much of that tourism.

Just last year, the airport set an annual record when it processed over one million passengers. This new, state-of-the-art concourse will give the airport much-needed space to welcome and process travelers, which will help remove some car traffic on U.S. 1 while giving locals even more nonstop flight options to other parts of the country.

It is my honor to represent Monroe County in the U.S. House of Representatives. Key West is one of the top destinations in the country, and this development project will help even more people experience it for themselves. I applaud all the individuals who worked so hard to make Concourse A reality, and I very much look forward to its completion.

AWARDING CHIEF PETTY OFFICER
JOHN TURNER JR. A CONGRESSIONAL
VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Chief Petty Officer John Turner Jr. with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Navy exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Chief Petty Officer Turner is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Chief Petty Officer Turner served in the Navy as a Cryptologic Technician Technical. With such a talented mind in intelligence and cryptology, Chief Petty Officer Turner assisted with airborne, shipborne, and land-based radar signals.

Chief Petty Officer Turner's tenure in the military consisted of time aboard submarines and surface ships in many locations across the world. From Guam, Germany, Japan, and across many stops from sea to shining sea across America, Chief Petty Officer Turner served with no complaint wherever he was deployed.

Chief Petty Officer Turner used his impressive skill set in operating electronic intelligence-receiving and direction-finding systems, digital recording devices, and analysis terminals. American intelligence is the best in the world because of brilliant patriots like Chief Petty Officer Turner.

Since his retirement from the military, Chief Petty Officer Turner has been an active member in the community with active involvement as a Commander in Hunt County Chapter 81 Disabled American Veterans, as a councilman on the Greenville City Council, and as a service officer connecting veteran families to benefits they earned.

I am beyond honored to have Chief Petty Officer Turner in Texas' 4th Congressional District and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

HONORING JOE KING

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Joe King for his contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Joe King's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Joe King for his contributions to the community and his role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

HONORING JANET ARNOLD REES

HON. GREG STANTON

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STANTON. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Janet Arnold Rees. Janet was tirelessly devoted to our community and made it a better place to live through her work as a teacher, theatre producer, entrepreneur, and social worker.

Janet and her family moved to Phoenix in 1957, and she quickly immersed herself in the community. It was through her experience in Jewish youth organizations that she learned the value of making connections between people. She believed in the power of a community and made it a constant theme of her work.

Janet had a creative spirit that helped her inspire others, combat anti-Semitism, and create change. In 1988, she founded the award-winning Arizona Jewish Theatre Company, a point of pride in the Valley and where she served as producing director for 24 years. It was a staple in the performing arts scene and produced plays meant to reflect diverse views within Judaism. The AJTC brought people of all walks of life together—from its cast to its audience—and challenged us all to reject hatred.

Even after the AJTC closed its doors, Janet's boundless passion for serving her community continued, and she joined the Jewish Family & Children's Service. It was there that she continued to change peoples' lives by empowering them through resources that gave them stability and peace of mind. Janet worked closely with seniors, and after the COVID-19 pandemic left many isolated, her creativity led seniors to the internet. It helped many reconnect with loved ones and continue to enjoy special moments with their friends and family.

Janet touched so many lives and leaves behind a legacy that will be felt by generations. We join her loved ones in grief and gratitude, thankful we bore witness to her work. Godspeed, Janet.

IN RECOGNITION OF PHILLIP
BERENBROICK AND HIS SERVICE
TO THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COM-
MITTEE

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, I rise—along with David Cicilline, Chair of the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law—to thank Phillip Berenbroick for his service to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Phillip came to the Committee after serving as Policy Director at Public Knowledge. Prior to that, Phillip was the Policy Director at the Internet Freedom Business Alliance, and an attorney at Hogan Lovells US LLP, among other roles. Phillip received his B.A. from Tufts University and his J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

Phillip joined the Committee in 2020 as Counsel to our Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law. For over two years, he played a critical role in advancing the Subcommittee's priorities. As Counsel, Phillip helped develop a breadth of legislation addressing key issues, from tackling the rise and abuse of market power online, to modernizing the Administrative Procedure Act, to supporting local newspapers and broadcasters during the pandemic. His commitment to protecting American consumers and workers was further reflected in his work conducting oversight of federal agencies, as well as investigating mergers that raise significant antitrust concerns.

Phillip was essential in the Subcommittee's 16-month investigation into the state of competition in the digital economy, with a focus on the challenges presented by the dominance of Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google. As part of the small team conducting one of the most comprehensive probes into corporate power in the 21st century, Phillip brought his dedicated work ethic as the lead attorney responsible for investigating Apple. He helped review numerous internal documents and communications from the investigated firms; met with antitrust experts; and assisted with interviews of more than 240 market participants, former employees of the investigated firms, and other individuals. His work was critical to much of the Subcommittee's achievements. This included preparing Members for a hearing with the CEOs of Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google, and the publication of a Report entitled "Investigation of Competition in Digital Markets: Majority Staff Report and Recommendations," which the Committee on the Judiciary formally adopted in April 2021. He was also instrumental in helping to secure Committee passage of a suite of legislation to restore competition online in June 2021.

Throughout all of his work, Phillip brought his passion for a more just society and his commitment to excellence. Our Committee, Congress, and the American people greatly benefited from his service.

While we will miss Phillip greatly, we are glad he is not going far, and is continuing his career in public service as a Senior Counsel to Senator Robert Menendez of New Jersey.

We thank Phillip Berenbroick for his service to the Committee and wish him the best of luck with this new chapter.

HONORING COUNTESS BALOGUN

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Countess Balogun for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation. Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Countess Balogun's commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Countess Balogun for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

INTRODUCING HOUSE RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND
IDEALS OF NATIONAL POPPY
DAY

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I rise to introduce a bipartisan resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Poppy Day on the Friday before Memorial Day, with Congresswoman SPARTZ.

The importance of this day cannot be overstated. This bipartisan National Poppy Day Resolution recognizes the sacrifices of America's veterans and fallen service members.

In the last several decades, Memorial Day has become synonymous with the start of summer, and not as it was intended as a time to mourn and remember the U.S. military personnel who have fought and died while serving in the United States armed forces. While the United States has great respect for those who serve in the Armed Forces, we often focus on the living veterans. There are many parents, spouses, siblings, and children who still mourn their fallen service member.

Yes, there are ceremonies to remember those we have lost, such as the ones at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, at the Pentagon, and small ones at National Cemeteries. However, as a Nation we no longer take the time to remember those who have shed blood in the name of freedom.

The red-flowered corn poppy has long been a marker of respect and a way to raise awareness and support for members of our nation's veteran communities, servicemembers and their families, and the families of those who died in service to their country. Poppy Day is widely recognized by America's allies, especially in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Great Britain, and Ukraine, but is less recognized here at home.

The red-flowered corn poppy became forever linked to soldiers who paid the ultimate

sacrifice on the battlefields of World War I, as result of the poem "In Flanders Fields." The poem, written by a Canadian soldier actively serving on the front-lines of WWI to honor his fellow soldiers killed in battle, reads:

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow,
between the crosses, row on row

Around the world, the red-flowered corn poppy continues to serve as the living symbol of the blood shed by those who served and is worn as a gesture of gratitude and recognition of the sacrifices people have made in service to their country. Many nations incorporate the poppy into their Veterans or Remembrance Day ceremonies.

In the United States, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars first called attention in the 1920s to the importance of the poppy flower in honoring the fallen. They continue to distribute poppies and promote the importance of a National Poppy Day on the Friday before Memorial Day and Veterans Day, raising money for disabled veterans.

With wider recognition of National Poppy Day and wearing a red poppy, we honor every servicemember who has died in the name of liberty, freedom, and democracy. Additionally this provides us the opportunity to thank their families, veterans, and current service members for our freedom now and for generations to come. In the words of American Moina Michael:

And now the Torch and Poppy Red,
We wear in honor of our dead.
Fear not that ye have died for naught;
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought

Our Resolution would begin on May 26, 2023. We should honor past and current members of the Armed Forces of the United States and their families. We should encourage all citizens, residents, and visitors of the United States to join in observing "National Poppy Day." Wearing a red poppy the Friday before Memorial day—and through the weekend—is a simple declaration of our admiration for and thanks to those individuals who shed blood to preserve freedom.

In this body we have people who have served and those who have lost. At the very least we should honor them.

We invite all Members of Congress to wear their poppy red, support the goals and ideals of National Poppy Day on May 26, 2023 and every year after, to pay tribute to those who have sacrificed for our country—both living and dead. I also invite all of my colleagues to join me in sponsoring this resolution.

HONORING TECHNICAL SERGEANT
VIRGIL POE, ONE OF THE
GREATEST GENERATION

HON. DAN CRENSHAW

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, on Friday, July 1st this year, Sergeant Virgil Poe, age 96, passed away surrounded by family in Houston, Texas.

Virgil was born on June 28, 1926, near Mansfield, Arkansas. He lived the first ten years of his life in Hoberg, Missouri. At ten years old, Virgil's parents, Loyd and Elsie Poe, moved to Portsmouth, Iowa where his father worked as a banker. He graduated from high school in Harlan, Iowa in 1944.

Virgil was drafted in June 1944 and reported to the famed Fort Leavenworth in Kansas to serve his country in the United States Army. He would go on to take basic Infantry Training at Camp Wolters, Texas.

Virgil fought for the Allies with selflessness and nobility. He served in the 7th U.S. Army in France, Belgium, and Germany as a rifleman, truck driver and heavy artilleryman until Germany's surrender in 1945.

Following Germany's surrender, Virgil did not rest. Upon his return to America, he boarded a troop train to Seattle with other soldiers shipping to fight the Japanese in the Pacific Theater. While en route to the Pacific, Virgil and the other servicemen learned Japan had surrendered.

After the war, Virgil was sent back to Ft. Hood, where he would meet his wife, Dorrace, at an evening service at the Church of Christ in her nearby hometown of Temple, Texas. His battalion eventually moved to Camp Polk in Louisiana, where Virgil served as the Administrative NCO in the newly organized Rocket FA Battalion Headquarters. He also served as Supply Sergeant in the same battalion.

Virgil was honorably discharged from the service in August 1946. He and Dorrace married shortly thereafter in October of 1946.

Virgil went on to Abilene Christian College, where he graduated in 1952. Upon graduation, he worked faithfully for 42 years at Southwestern Bell Telephone Co./AT&T as an engineer across the Midwest, including in Dallas, Houston, and St. Louis.

In 2020, the President of the Republic of France authorized the National French Legion of Honour Medal, the highest military medal in France, to Virgil Poe. 75 years after the landing at Normandy the French consulate in Houston awarded the medal to Mr. Poe to honor him for his service in France during World War II. Indeed, Mr. Poe was an exemplary member of the Greatest Generation.

Virgil and Dorrace remained happily married for 72 years before her passing in April 2019. He is survived by his daughter, Jayne Poe Massey, of Jersey Village, Texas; son, former Congressman Ted Poe and wife, Carol; eight grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. Please join us in honoring a true American hero and patriot.

HONORING U.S. NAVY COMMANDER
SHERRI R. ZIMMERMAN

HON. JOAQUIN CASTRO

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in honor of retired Navy Commander Sherri R. Zimmerman, a distinguished military leader who graciously served on my 2018 Military Service Academy Nominations Board.

Commander Zimmerman enlisted in the Navy in 1993 and quickly distinguished herself as a talented leader. In 1994, she enrolled in the U.S. Naval Academy, and graduated four years later with a Bachelor of Science degree in English and a commission as a Cryptologic Officer.

Commander Zimmerman attended the Navy Cryptologic Division Officer training in Pensacola, Florida. Subsequently, she reported to

Naval Security Group Activity Menwith Hill in Harrogate, UK, as Division Officer and an Operation Watch Officer.

In 2002, Commander Zimmerman graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, with a Master of Science in Space Systems Operations. She also completed Joint Professional Military Education Phase I through the Naval War College. Her payback tour was at SPAWAR Space Field Activity in Chantilly, Virginia, as Chief of the SIGINT Director's Action Group, then on the staff of the Director of the National Reconnaissance Office.

For Commander Zimmerman's department head tour, she was assigned to the Navy Cyber Defense Operation Command in Norfolk, Virginia. While there, she led as Deputy of Operations in the Training and Exercise Department. During this tour, she was also assigned as an Individual Augmentee to Multi-National Corps Iraq as an Information Operations Planner. She served in this role for 12 months in Baghdad, Iraq, and helped support Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In May 2009, Commander Zimmerman became the Officer in Charge of the Navy Information Operations Detachment Chesapeake until the unit's disestablishment in December 2011. She also earned a Master of Science in Management and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland. Commander Zimmerman completed her O5 milestone tour at U.S. Fleet Forces Command as N24 Fleet Intelligence, Information Operations, and Electronic Warfare Readiness.

From 2013 to 2014, Commander Zimmerman was assigned to Navy Cyber Forces in Suffolk, Virginia. She served as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Readiness and Modernization (N4) and then as the Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Readiness (N3).

Commander Zimmerman served as Executive Officer of the Navy Information Operations Command (NIOC) Texas from May 2014 to June 2015. One month later, she reported to NIOC San Diego to assume Command in July 2015.

Commander Zimmerman retired from Active Duty on November 1, 2017. Her military decorations include the Information Dominance Warfare Officer pin, the Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (4 awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, and various other service medals and ribbons.

In 2017, Commander Zimmerman joined USAA in San Antonio, Texas, as the Military Affairs Service Academy Relationship Director. She lives in San Antonio with her family and is a proud mother to three children: sons Orion and Declan and daughter Eala.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to recognize Commander Zimmerman for her extraordinary commitment to public service. As a member of my Military Service Academy Nominations Board for the 20th District of Texas, she has played an invaluable role in ushering in the next generation of military leaders, and my office has benefited from her wisdom and expertise. I am grateful for Commander Zimmerman's service to the United States, and I wish her and her family the best.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ROBERT SCOTT THOMAS

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Robert Scott Thomas, who passed away on October 23, 2022.

Descending from a storied line of Marin pioneers and California cowboys, Robert spent his childhood learning about the value of hard work and business ethic. This was evident from the age of 12, when he managed the ranch and family business while his adult family members were away fighting in the Second World War. Following their legacy of service, he would go on to join the United States Army in 1951, serving at Fort Ord, California.

Robert returned to Marin County after serving in the military and went on to play an instrumental role at John Oglesby Engineering, designing Marinwood, Sausalito, Tiburon, Mill Valley, and other subdivisions across Marin County. Robert would eventually become President of McNear Block Company, the historic firm that was crucial in rebuilding San Francisco following the 1906 earthquake.

Throughout his life, Robert carried on the legacy of a family steeped in California history. In 1868, his great-great-grandfather, Captain John August McNear, purchased 2,500 acres of land at Point San Pedro in San Rafael, where he ran successful dairy and brick manufacturing operations. After seeing the poor treatment of Chinese workers in San Francisco, Captain McNear offered the Chinese community employment and safe refuge on his land. Robert upheld these family values in his professional career, notably as Senior Advisor for Roots of Peace, a humanitarian organization dedicated to removing landmines and reviving sustainable agriculture in war-torn regions.

Robert exemplified humility, positivity, resilience, and love for family. He met the love of his life, Barbara, while at San Rafael High School; they would go on to spend over half a century together until she passed in 2006. He leaves behind his daughter Heidi, son Robert, Jr., 10 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. While he will be greatly missed, Robert's legacy will live on through the positive impact he had on his family, Marin County, and beyond.

Madam Speaker, there is no doubt that Robert Scott Thomas was a community figure who will be missed and whose many contributions to the region and nation are worthy of commendation. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor his many contributions and express our deep condolences to his family and friends.

RECOGNIZING JOE SANTARLASCI

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. SWALWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today with Congresswoman YVETTE CLARKE to recognize the life of Joseph "Joe" Howard

Santarlaschi, Jr., a decorated Vietnam veteran, investment banker, professor, and thought leader who passed away on October 29, 2022 in Brooklyn, NY.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, Joe graduated from Malvern Prep in 1963, Brown University in 1967, and the University of Virginia Darden School of Business in 1973. Joe was in ROTC at Brown and served his country as a Navy Lieutenant from 1967 to 1971 with two tours of active duty in Vietnam. He was part of the "brown water navy" and got his jump wings. Joe was also awarded the Vietnamese Medal of Honor. He was the duty officer during the recovery of the Apollo 11 astronauts when they splashed down in the Pacific on July 24, 1969 and carried "the football" during the mission. Joe followed in the footsteps of his father Joseph Howard Santarlaschi, a fighter pilot who was shot down numerous times during World War II.

After graduation from UVA, Joe started his first job as an investment banker at First Chicago. On the weekends, he was a fly half for the USA Eagles rugby team. He then moved to New York City, where he specialized in M&A at several leading investment banks.

Joe moved to Washington, D.C. in 1985 to co-found the turnaround management firm Whitby, Santarlaschi & Co., Inc. with Von Whitby of Salt Lake City, Utah. He took great pride in restructuring companies with the goal of saving as many jobs as possible.

From 2013 to 2019, Joe taught Entrepreneurial Finance at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI. After he stopped teaching, he stayed in touch with his students and continued to help them along their journeys. He then co-founded the Brown University Veterans Alumni Council. Under his leadership, Brown extended need-blind admission to veterans and eliminated the estimated family contribution, replacing it with scholarship, enabling Brown to meet the total cost of attendance for qualified veterans.

In 2021, Joe moved to Brooklyn, NY to be closer to his sons Nicolas and Marco. Seeing how bereft Joe was feeling without his students, Marco showed Joe how to use Twitter, where he became a leading voice for tolerance, kindness and justice. News of his death trended as #RIPJoe, was liked by over 50,000 people and commented upon by more than 7,000. Everyone who knew him treasured his heart, intellect, and quick wit.

In addition to his father and son, Joe was predeceased by his mother Rosemary Theresa Donovan Santarlaschi. He is missed by his wife of 34 years, Elizabeth Ann Stanton (Betsy Santarlaschi); their sons Nicolas Donovan Santarlaschi (Rachel "Rai" Manning) and Marco Foster Santarlaschi of Brooklyn, NY; brother Stephen Michael Santarlaschi (Eileen Taubman) of Paoli, PA; and Stephen's daughter Michelle Santarlaschi Carini (John) and their children Cecelia and Anthony of Malvern, PA.

HONORING JOHN CHAMBERS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians, to recognize Apostle John Chambers for his contribution to the City of Miami's designation of

the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Apostle John Chambers' commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Apostle John Chambers for his contributions to the community and his role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

AWARDING PRIVATE JAMES
"VANCE" SCOTT A CONGRES-
SIONAL VETERAN COMMENDA-
TION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 10, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Private James Scott with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Army exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Private Scott is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Private Scott served as a Private to Sergeant 1st class in the United States Army. His devout service led him around the world, in-

cluding deployments in Japan and Korea. With no complaint, Private Scott was drafted during a time of uncertainty and bravely defended the principles of our great Nation against the evils of communism during the Korean War.

Private Scott's responsibilities in the Army gave a massive advantage to the United States. He was in charge of a section that fought the enemy, including backup infantry and anti-aircraft half-attacks. Only special servicemen have the ability to perform such leadership as Private Scott has shown.

Even at the ripe age of 93, Private Scott continues to attend Korean veteran functions and events to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. As a true American patriot, he continues to serve those with pride.

I am beyond honored to have Private Scott in Texas' 4th Congressional District and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.